

House Resolution No. 4366

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents whose contributions to society bring well-deserved honors to themselves and to this great state; and

Whereas, the Reverend Vincent R. Bommarito of Saint Louis, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, which is presided over by Archbishop Justin Rigali; and

Whereas, a native of Saint Louis, Missouri, the Reverend Vincent Bommarito was born on February 11, 1951, into the family of Carl and Fannie Bommarito; was ordained a Catholic priest on May 21, 1977, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis; and has been assigned as a parish priest to a number of parishes, including Saint Ambrose Catholic Church located in the Italian neighborhood of The Hill; and

Whereas, the Reverend Vincent Bommarito deserves mention of his earlier service as the director of the Hill 2000 neighborhood organization that preserves the ethnic flavor of the area by stabilizing its traditions and cultures; and

Whereas, the Reverend Vincent Bommarito also has served on numerous Florissant boards concerning with housing and cultural diversity, is a member of the Italian Federation of Saint Louis, and is a member of the board of directors of the Italian Open Golf Classic that has raised more than one million dollars for children's charities; and

Whereas, the Reverend Vincent Bommarito has accepted additional duties as the priest liaison for the Archdiocese Pro-life Committee since October 1995, a lecturer on euthanasia and physician assisted suicide, a counselor with the Project Rachel Program, and a member of the SSM Rehabilitation Board; and

Whereas, on November 17, 2008, the Reverend Vincent Bommarito will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he receives papal honors recognizing his role as a papal chaplain:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal, spiritual, and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of the Reverend Vincent Bommarito and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon receiving diplomas conferring Papal Honors as a Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Vincent R. Bommarito of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Michele Kratky
District No. 65

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4366, adopted October 14, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker